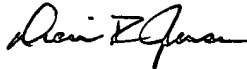


### REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 2, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I: Claims 1-22, drawn to the methods. Applicants withdraw the claims of Groups II (Claims 23-34) herein.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220. Any questions that the Examiner may have about the foregoing may be directed to the undersigned, who can be reached at 919-854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



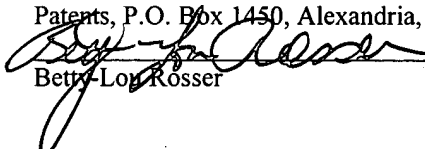
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